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CHART OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA (CCP)
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1. Attached is a chart of the organizational structure of the Communist Party of China, based on the Constitution adopted by the 7th party congress (1945) and on other official Chinese Communist sources. The chart also provides the names of top party officials in the various organizational components.

2. At its last plenary session (October 1955), the Central Committee of the CPC announced that the 8th party congress will be held during the latter part of 1956, at which time the party Constitution will be revised and a new Central Committee elected. While no drastic functional changes or purges are expected, it is probable that the present organizational structure will be modified in response to the changing demands which the "transition to socialism" period has placed on the party; and that many of the older Central Committee incumbents will be replaced by younger party activists who have since 1945 achieved positions of leadership in subsidiary party organs, the New Democratic Youth League, the Government and the military. In addition, then, to its utility as a graphic illustration of the current party structure and hierarchy, this chart can be used as a base point for study of the changes in party organization and personnel assignments.

3. The actual existence of the Social Affairs Department, believed to be the party's intelligence organ, has not been confirmed for several years. Many of the functions of the United Front Work Department have been assigned to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, the "organization of the People's Democratic United Front" which includes representatives from all the nationalities, the so called democratic parties, the mass organizations, and the Overseas Chinese. The presence of several of the deputy-directors of the United Front Work Department on the reconstituted National Committee of the Political Consultative Conference guarantees CCP control of this super-front organization. Deputy Director Hsing Hsi-ping is secretary general of the Political Consultative Conference.

4. For your information, subsequent to publication of the original chart, another deputy director of the United Front Work Department of the CCP -- Ping Chieh-san -- has been identified.

5. Your comments on the terminology, titles, names and positions of personnel and other suggestions are desired and welcome.

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